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Inventor(s): Michael BIGGS et al.
Title: METHOD FOR LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patent
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Sir:

This is in response to the final/non-final Office Action date January 26, 2005 for which a response was due on April 26, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 26, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.